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FOREIGN.

The Franco-German War.

Faithful Reports of Recent Battles.

General Manteuffel's Forces in Pursuit of the French Army of the North.

Advices from Paris to the 22d Inst.

The Mont Cenis Tunnel Nearly Completed.

FRANCE.

THE FRENCH DEFEAT AT ST. QUENTIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The World's Brussels correspondent telegraphs:

General Faidherbe had fallen back across the river at the Somme. Despite the fourth of the old army, the reinforcements, Garibaldians, Bretons, Bretagnards, Gardes Mobiles, Zouaves, Turcos, and Tirailleurs, the French planning only effort to save their army. The German loss was severe. Both sides claim the victory.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Saisset telegraphs to-day, that General Manteuffel, from a victory on the 19th, pursued the French army to the 20th, and that the latter, on the evening of the 20th, was in full retreat, and the pursuit of the French in the direction of Arras continued.

The Journal Officiel, this morning, publishes a decree of the Army of the North, reports of the Minister of War, and of General Faidherbe, relative to the battle of St. Quentin. The decree names the officers who are to receive the medal of honor. The reports of the Minister of War and General Faidherbe relate to the battle of St. Quentin.

THE BATTLE AT ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Standard of the 22d of DEC. 24 PARIS, 10:30, FROM 1 P. M. SUNDAY, says that the battle of St. Quentin was renewed at 8 o'clock this morning, and continued with great violence until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the French were forced to retire, leaving the Germans in possession of the field. The French loss is reported to be very heavy. The Germans are said to have lost 10,000 men. The French retreated in the direction of Cambrai.

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SIGNALLING STORMS.

The United States Meteorological Reports. Report of the Chief Signal Officer.

The report of the Chief Signal Officer, General Albert J. Myer, to the Secretary of War, opens with a general review of the organization, and then enters upon an interesting account of the operations of the signal service. It complains with a special joint resolution of Congress, providing for furnishing to the Signal Service Bureau, reports of vessels spoken, with the view of giving notice of the approach of storms. The report also recommends the establishment of signal stations at Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, Cape Fear, and Cape Henry, and stating the pecuniary aspect, the report is favorable.

TREASURY ASSETS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Treasury statement of the condition of the Treasury at the close of business to-day shows the following balances:

Currency, $6,000,000; special deposits for the redemption of certificates, $20,000,000; coin, $104,000,000; coin certificates, $19,000,000; legal tenders, $31,000,000; total, $180,000,000.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

Opening of the California Spring.

Early Strawberries.

Manufacture of Beet Sugar in Alameda County.

Dead Beats.

Heathenish Treatment of the Heathen Chinee.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.

Weather—which is really our spring—is upon us, and, in spite of the fact that last month was, on the whole, not a very agreeable one for the built of our people, the general feeling in the community is decidedly hopeful. We had a short winter crop, but we can sell as much as we have to spare, and the demand is almost abroad, and our wine interest—which now ranks third on our list of productive resources, gold and wheat coming before it—is in a condition of prosperity and activity such as to enable fairness to carry on the business of planting and sowing, and to harvest the crops of 1871. The bills around the Bay of San Francisco are already beginning to grow green, and, by New Year's Day, nature will have put on her holiday garment, and make glad her face with spikes of verdure to the nine-born year. We grumble to most at our weather as you do at yours, but, after all, we have far less reason to do so.

As I came down town this morning I heard a Dalmatian youth yelling "S-t-r-r-r-r-r-r-a-w-b-e-r-r-r-i-e-s—r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-i-p-e!" and saw the goods gathered around the fauns of Washington corners during the afternoon with fresh grass just mowed in the plains and delivered over to them. Isn't this a better time than your snows and ice and wintry storms, as I have elsewhere described?

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Burying Prussian Soldiers.

Prussian Enterprise Against France.

The Ex-Emperor and His Officers.

Popular Sullenness.

(From our special correspondent.)

BERLIN, Dec. 8.

As I left Aix to write the last letter of my correspondence, the funeral cortege of a Prussian officer, the first of those whose remains are to be brought home, was passing through the city. "After Nile's fateful wave" is all to add.

Even in death, rank; while the living are scarcely permitted, still the dying are honored. In my letters was enclosed to you the list of those in the Aix hospitals, which are kindly withheld from the observer.

The mortal remains of the officer, in soldier garb and with his heart and sabre, which is sacrificial in a black pall, and these borne upon the shoulders of six comrades, in command of a sergeant, were followed by the whole of the garrison of the city, with the band playing the funeral march of immortalities, the latter following the coffin of the warrior, which was covered with flowers. Two squads of soldiers in full uniform led the van and bore up the rear. Their arms were reversed, the muzzles of the guns resting upon the ground. They march to three or four muffled drums. Between the two squads are the regular troops, who relieve each other at intervals, the officers marching with the men. Behind the rear squad are the mourners, consisting of a few friends of the deceased in uniform.

The cortege of an officer of rank, however, is formed by the guard of the town, and by its then military chief. There are stationed in this town at present the entire Eighth Pomeranian or Prussian infantry regiment, consisting of the Eighty-third, or Third Hanoverian infantry regiment, a battery of the Horse Artillery, and a battalion of Hussars. I am not sure that the entire force recently assembled here has left, as a detachment of the Hussars is still here.

The officers are all of the Prussian army, and the two or three people who were stationed here with the Hanoverian regiment, and who remained behind when the regiment left for the front, have all been promoted. Any Hanoverian officer who will readily occur to his friends. Any Hanoverian officer who will readily occur to his friends. Any Hanoverian officer who will readily occur to his friends

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Annual Statement of Postmaster Bailey for 1870.

A Steadily Increasing, at Nearly Forty Per Cent.

Table of contents:

Total delivered and collected by carriers	$1,100,000
Amount of Money Order business—	
No. of issues	2,215,700
Amount	$2,500,000
No. of letters mailed from this office	2,500,000
No. of city letters mailed with stamps	2,000
No. of city letters mailed with stamps cancelled	2,000
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